

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

SECURITY INFORMATION

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TOPIC Memmingen AirfieldEVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

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1. Between 2 and 4 p.m. on 14 February 1952, 5 jet fighters and 3 single-engine planes were repeatedly observed flying toward Gentzrode and Storbeck. Source observed that the planes dived over this area. Shortly afterward, detonations were heard. The same practices were performed throughout 15 February.

2. Between 10:30 a.m. and noon on 13 February, 12 swept-back jet fighters, including with the numbers 1513 and 1540, 2 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 3 biplanes were observed at the field. Planes 1513 and 1540 took off at 10:30 a.m., circled once over the field and landed at 10:55 a.m. [redacted] refueled the two planes one after the other. Refueling took about 30 minutes. At 11:35 a.m. the two planes took off again. At 11:45 a.m., one the aircraft approached from the lake and dived at a steep angle at a target on the western edge of the field firing one round. The same exercise was then performed by the other plane. The two planes landed at 11:53 and 11:59 respectively. Flying was discontinued between noon and 3 p.m. Individual flights were made between 3 and 4 p.m.

3. Between 9 a.m. and noon on 22 February, 10 swept-back jet fighters, 1 single-engine, low-wing monoplane, and 3 biplanes were observed from the southeastern side of the field. There was no flying. [redacted]

4. On the afternoon of 23 February, 11 swept-back jet fighters and 2 single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked in front of the hangars at the field. There was no flying.

5. On 24 February, the field was occupied by 12 swept-back jet fighters and 1 single-engine plane with a radial engine. There was no flying.

6. No flying was observed at the field between 18 and 24 February. The weather was mostly unfavorable. During snow flurries, the southern edge of the runway was indicated by red markers about 30 x 80 cm which were posted at intervals of about 50 meters.

7. From 26 to 29 February, 11 typo-29 and MiG-15 planes and 3 single-engine aircraft with radial engines were observed at the field. On 1, 3 and 5 March, jet fighters practiced flying in box and squadron formations and at high altitudes. The numbers 226 Y and 541 Y were observed on jet fighters and the red numbers 2 and 4, on the

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